

REMARKS

This Supplemental Amendment is filed in order to facilitate processing of the above-identified application. In particular, in the Office Action dated January 13, 2005, the Examiner stated that claims 9, 10 and 15 are allowed.

As indicated above, claims 7-8, 11 and 13-14 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, only claims 9, 10 and 15, which are indicated as allowed, remain in the application.

Thus it now appears that the application is in condition for reconsideration and allowance. Reconsideration and allowance at an early date are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner find that the application is not now in condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner enters this Amendment for purposes of appeal.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that the application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact, by telephone, the Applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed within the currently set shortened statutory period, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such extension of time may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

In the event that any additional fees are due with this paper, please charge
our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

Respectfully submitted,

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